



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
DAVID ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ,  
  
Defendant.

No. 2:25-CR-00486-ODW

I N F O R M A T I O N

[18 U.S.C. § 241: Conspiracy  
Against Rights; 18 U.S.C.  
§ 924(d) (1) and 28 U.S.C.  
§ 2461(c): Criminal Forfeiture]

The United States Attorney charges:

[18 U.S.C. § 241]

A. INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS

At times relevant to this Information:

1. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department ("LASD") was a law enforcement agency within the Central District of California. Among other responsibilities, the LASD provided municipal police services within Los Angeles County, California, through its thousands of sworn deputies.

1           2.     Defendant DAVID ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ and Eric Chase Saavedra  
2     ("Saavedra") were sworn law enforcement officers employed by the  
3     LASD. As LASD deputies, defendant RODRIGUEZ and Saavedra were  
4     subject to an oath of duty and rules of conduct. This oath and these  
5     rules prohibited LASD personnel from using their law enforcement  
6     status and related equipment for personal use or for non-legitimate  
7     law enforcement purposes.

8           3.     Defendant RODRIGUEZ was a detective assigned to LASD's  
9     Operation Safe Streets Bureau and was a sworn law enforcement officer  
10    for 16 years.

11          4.     Defendant RODRIGUEZ knew and understood that the  
12    Constitution and laws of the United States protect the right to be  
13    free from unreasonable searches and seizures and the right to be free  
14    from deprivation of property without due process of law by one acting  
15    under color of law.

16          5.     Saavedra owned a company that provided private security  
17    services for clients. The company often employed active LASD  
18    deputies and law enforcement officers. Defendant RODRIGUEZ worked  
19    for the private security company.

20          6.     Person 1 was a wealthy Los Angeles-based client of the  
21    private security company who was engaged in an ongoing dispute with  
22    her husband, Victim T.F.

23    B.     OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY

24          7.     Beginning on a date unknown and continuing through in or  
25    around August 2022, in Los Angeles County, within the Central  
26    District of California, and elsewhere, defendant RODRIGUEZ, and  
27    others known and unknown to the United States Attorney, conspired and  
28    agreed with each other to knowingly and intentionally oppress,

1 threaten, and intimidate a person of the State of California and the  
2 State of Utah, namely, Victim T.F., in the free exercise and  
3 enjoyment of rights secured to him by the Constitution and laws of  
4 the United States, that is, the right to be free from unreasonable  
5 searches and seizures and the right to be free from deprivation of  
6 property without due process of law by one acting under color of law.

7 C. MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY

8 8. The object of the conspiracy was to be accomplished, in  
9 substance, as follows:

10 a. Saavedra would earn contracts for clients of his  
11 private security company, including Person 1.

12 b. Saavedra would hire active LASD deputies to act as  
13 personal bodyguards for Person 1, including defendant RODRIGUEZ.

14 c. Person 1 would inform defendant RODRIGUEZ about Victim  
15 T.F., with whom she had personal and/or monetary disputes.

16 d. Defendant RODRIGUEZ would use his powers as a sworn  
17 law enforcement officer to improperly obtain a court-authorized  
18 search warrant to obtain GPS location information associated with  
19 Victim T.F.'s cellular phone.

20 e. Defendant RODRIGUEZ would track Victim T.F.'s physical  
21 location using the GPS pings and share the information with Saavedra.

22 f. LASD deputies and other co-conspirators would use  
23 information obtained from the court-authorized search warrant to  
24 locate, oppress, intimidate, harass, and threaten Victim T.F.

25 D. OVERT ACTS

26 On or about the following dates, in furtherance of the  
27 conspiracy, and to accomplish the object of the conspiracy, defendant  
28 RODRIGUEZ, and others known and unknown to the United States

1 Attorney, committed and caused to be committed various overt acts  
2 within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, including  
3 the following:

4 Overt Act No. 1: On July 16, 2022, defendant RODRIGUEZ  
5 applied for and obtained a search warrant under false pretenses from  
6 a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge authorizing law enforcement  
7 officers to obtain GPS location information associated with two  
8 telephone numbers, including Victim T.F.'s telephone number.  
9 Specifically, in the sworn affidavit supporting the search warrant,  
10 defendant RODRIGUEZ falsely declared that Victim T.F.'s telephone  
11 number was associated with a suspect in a robbery investigation.  
12 Defendant RODRIGUEZ knew Victim T.F.'s phone number had no relation  
13 to the suspect of the robbery investigation.

14 Overt Act No. 2: In or around mid-July 2022, soon after  
15 securing the illegally obtained search warrant for GPS location  
16 information associated with Victim T.F.'s phone, defendant RODRIGUEZ  
17 began receiving pings from the service provider for Victim T.F.'s  
18 phone, which provided the approximate location of Victim T.F.'s  
19 phone.

20 Overt Act No. 3: In or around mid-July 2022, defendant  
21 RODRIGUEZ shared the GPS location information with Saavedra.  
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FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

[18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)]

1. Pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, notice is hereby given that the United States of America will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), in the event of the defendant's conviction of the offense set forth in this Information.

2. If so convicted, defendant shall forfeit to the United States of America the following:

(a) All right, title, and interest in any firearm or ammunition involved in or used in any such offense; and

(b) To the extent such property is not available for forfeiture, a sum of money equal to the total value of the property described in subparagraph (a).

3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), the convicted defendant shall forfeit substitute property, up to the value of the property described in the preceding paragraph if, as the result of any act or omission of said defendant, the property described in the preceding paragraph or any portion thereof (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred, sold to, or deposited with a third party; (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court; (d) has been

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1 substantially diminished in value; or (e) has been commingled with  
2 other property that cannot be divided without difficulty.

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